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SUBJECT: SECOND DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF EMBASSY BUILDING

1. STUDENTS FROM UNIV OF MALAYSIA, UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN AREA DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF A.I.A. BLDG, IN WHICH EMB OCCUPIES TOP FOUR STORIES, FROM 10:45 AM TO 2:20 PM LOCAL TIME OCT 13. DEMONSTRATORS, NUMBERING AT DIFFERENT TIMES BETWEEN 150-250, CARRIED BANNERS AND SIGNS URGING UNITY WITH ARABS AND PRAISING FATAH. NIV OF MALAYSIA STUDENTS UNION (UMSU) PRESS RELEASE DENOUNCING AMERICAN SUPPORT OF ZIONISM, HANDED OUT BY DEMONSTRATORS, EFFIGY OF UNCLE SAM BURNED ABOUT 11:30. AT ONE POINT POLICE TELEPHONED ADMIN/SECURITY OFFICER TO ASK IF DELEGATION OF TWO COULD DELIVER PROTEST BUT WERE TOLD AMBASSADOR OUT OF THE CITY AND DCM UNAVAILABLE. NO FURTHER REQUEST MADE.

2. DEMONSTRATORS WERE NOISY BUT GENERALLY WELL BEHAVED,
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AND CONFINED TO OPPOSITE SIDE OF JALAN AMPANG. NEVER-

THELESS, RIOT SQUADS APPEARED AND FORMED UP ON JALAN AMPANG TO NORTH OF BUILDING ABOUT 11:30. ANOTHER RIOT POLICE GROUP ASSEMBLED ACROSS KELANG RIVER IN VICINITY JALAN LORONG BATU APPARENTLY WITH AIM OF DISPERSING CROWD AT APPROPRIATE TIME. AT 13:10. WHEN STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO CROSS STREET, POLICE FIRED TEAR GAS, AND CROWD IMMEDIATELY DISPERSED ACROSS BRIDGE IN DIRECTION BATU ROAD.

3. DEMONSTRATORS BEGAN REASSEMBLING IN FRONT OF BLDG ABOUT 1:10 PM, PERHAPS INSPIRED BY BACKPAGE HEADLINE AFTERNOON MALAY MAIL THAT US RESUPPLYING ISRAELIS. THIS TIME STUDENTS HELD TO SIDEWALK ON OPPOSITE SIDE AND TO THE SOUTHEAST BY RIOT SQUADS WHICH HAD REAPPEARED AND TAKEN UP POSTS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF BUILDING. ABOUT 2:00 PM POLICE INSPECTOR TOLD CHARGE THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO TRAP DEMONSTRATORS AND ENGAGE THEM PHYSICALLY IF THEY DID NOT LEAVE SOON. AT 2:20 PM, POSSIBLY AFTER THIS HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO THEM, STUDENTS RETURNED TO BUSES AND DEPARTED AREA. DEMONSTRATION WAS REASONABLY ORDERLY AND WELL CONTROLLED THROUGHOUT, NO PERSONAL CONFRONTATIONS INVOLVING EMB PERSONNEL OCCURRED, AND NO PROPERTY DAMAGE INFLICTED.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAD LEARNED LAST NIGHT THAT THIS RALLY HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE IN FRONT OF EGYPTIAN EMBASSY AND PROTEST IN FRONT OF A.I.A. BLDG. SEC GEN FONMIN ZAITON AND ASST SECY UN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS INFORMED OF THIS BY EMBOFFS AT PARTY SAME EVENING. SA SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THAT PERMIT NOT ISSUED FOR DEMONSTRATION BUT THAT GOVERNMENT FELT STUDENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED LET OFF STEAM.

5. POLICE SAY MUSLIM YOUTH ASSOC. (PROBABLY ANGKATAN BELIA ISLAM MALAYSIA-ABIM) HAS CALLED 9/00AM MEETING AT NANTIONAL MOSQUE SUNDAY MORNING OCT 14 WHICH MAY RESULT IN FURTHER DEMONSTRATION AT A.I.A. BUILDING.

6. BECAUSE GOM SENSITIVITY TO WHOLE ISSUE OF DEMONSTRATIONS SINCE MAY 1969 RIOTS EMB DOES NOT ANTICIPATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT POLICE WILL PERMIT STUDENTS TO CAUSE DAMAGE. HOWEVER, GOM PROFESSEDLY PRO-ARAB AND, AS ZAITON COMMENTED LAST NIGHT, IF WAR SHOULD GO AGAINST EGYPT THINGS COULD GET MORE SERIOUS.
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